

# St. Tammany Parish



*“Over the years, it has become clear that individual health is closely linked to community health—the health of the community and environment in which individuals live, work, and play. Likewise, community health is profoundly affected by the collective beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors of everyone who lives in the community”*

**Healthy People 2010**

## Parish Health Profiles 2005 — Your Parish at a Glance

	St. Tammany	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
<b>ECONOMICS, 2000</b>				
% All persons in poverty	9.7%	19.6%	12.4%	--
% Children under 18 in poverty	12.3%	26.6%	16.6%	--
% Unemployed 16 and over	3.8%	7.3%	5.8%	--
<b>EDUCATION 2002-2003</b>				
School Expenditure per Student	\$7,293	\$6,906	--	--
Student Attendance (average daily attendance as a % of the average number of students enrolled)	94.0%	93.5%	--	--
% High School Drop Outs (as a % of incoming 9th grade)	4.2%	7.0%	--	--
<b>MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, 2002</b>				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	6.9	10.2	7.0	4.5
% Receiving prenatal care within first 3 months	88.9%	83.8%	83.7%	90.0%
% Receiving adequate prenatal care (modified Kessner)	85.4%	78.9%	76.2%	--
% Low birth weight	7.9%	10.5%	7.7%	5.0%
% Births to teens ages 15 - 19	9.9%	15.5%	10.6%	--
% Children fully immunized by 2 years old	--	69.8%	78.5%	90.0%
<b>INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 2003 (new cases - rate per 100,000 population)</b>				
Syphilis (primary and secondary)	--	4.1	2.5	0.2
Early Syphilis (primary, secondary and early latent)	3.1	8.6	5.4	--
Chlamydia	208.6	469.8	304.3	3.0
Gonorrhea	55.9	265.6	116.2	19.0
Tuberculosis	3.6*	5.8	5.1	1.0
<b>STATEWIDE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2002 (death rate per 100,000 population)</b>				
Heart	189.5	248.4	241.7	166.0
Cancer	184.9	209.7	193.2	159.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	46.9	57.4	56.4	48.0
Accidents	45.9	46.7	37.0	17.5
Diabetes	31.6	39.5	25.4	45.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory	40.2	37.8	43.3	--
<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY, 2003</b>				
Validated cases of child abuse/neglect (rate per 1,000 population)	7.7	10.9	12.4	10.3
Deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes (rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled)	2.4	2.1	1.5	0.8
<b>HEALTH BEHAVIORS, 2004</b>				
	<b>Region 9</b>	<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>U.S.</b>	<b>HP 2010</b>
% Current cigarette smokers (adults 18+)	26.9%	23.5%	21.0%	12.0%
% Obese - BMI>30 (adults 20+)	25.2%	27.0%	31.1%	15.0%
% Having a mammogram within 2 years (women 40+)	72.8%	74.3%	74.6%	70.0%
% Having a pap smear within 3 years (women 18+)	82.4%	85.2%	85.9%	90.0%
% Having a flu shot in past year (adults 65+)	59.6%	68.6%	67.9%	90.0%

### Data Sources:

Economics: U.S. Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data, 2000

Education: Louisiana Department of Education District-reported data submitted to the Student Information System (SIS) end-of-year (EOY) report and Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) System. Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis and Information Resources. District Composite Report 2003-2004.

Mothers and Children: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005

Infectious Diseases: DHH/OPH, Sexually Transmitted Disease Program. 2004 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Trends in Reportable Sexually Transmitted Disease in the United States, 2003". NA= Rate not available, # of cases is less than 5

Leading Causes of Death: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005 (\*\*Rates for counts less than 20 are unreliable and are not reported)

Community Safety: Child Abuse--Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, prepared by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana and Motor Vehicle Deaths--EMS/Injury Research & Prevention Program

Healthy Behaviors: DHH/OPH, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2004

**History<sup>1, 2</sup>**

St. Tammany was established on December 22, 1810. It gets its name from a famous Delaware Indian chief, renowned for his virtue and other saintly qualities. He lived during the American Revolution and had been chosen as the patron saint of the New Republic. The fertile banks of Lake Ponchartrain provided campsites for the Choctaws who were visited by Europeans exploring the future site of New Orleans.



The rivers provided navigable routes to Lake Ponchartrain for the early settlers who relied on water transportation to develop their new industries. These waterways brought St.

Tammany's first settlement to Bayou Bonfouca in 1852. During the antebellum years, St. Tammany's economy flourished, and New Orleanians flocked to the other side of the lake to take advantage of the fresh air and prosperous lifestyle. St. Tammany boomed as a healthful resort community with hotels, inns and restaurants. St. Tammany hosts festivals that complement its natural resources and reflect the diverse interests, culture, and history of the parish residents. The wealth of artistic talent in the parish generates special events that focus on cultural enrichment and education.

**Parish Seat<sup>3</sup>** .....Covington

**Major Cities** (population over 5,000)

- Slidell
- Mandeville
- Covington
- LaCombe

**Parish Population<sup>4</sup>**

2000.....	191,268
2003 (estimate) .....	207,743
2000 Population by Race	
White.....	87.0%
African-American .....	9.9%
Some other race.....	3.1%
Hispanic of Latino (of any race) .....	2.5%
2000 Population by Age	
Under 5 years .....	7.1%
5-14 .....	16.3%
15-17 .....	5.1%
18-19 .....	2.6%
20-24 .....	4.7%
25-64 .....	54.2%
65 & over .....	10.0%

**Geography and Statistics<sup>5</sup>**

Average elevation .....	9ft.
Land area in square miles .....	854
Water area in square miles .....	269.7

**Climate**

## Average temperatures

Annual .....	67°
January .....	50°
July .....	81°
Annual average rainfall .....	62.7 inches

**Labor Force (2001)<sup>6</sup>**

## St. Tammany Parish

Civilian.....	94,970
Employed .....	91,760
Unemployed.....	3,210
Unemployment.....	3.4%

## Louisiana

Civilian.....	2,055,000
Employed .....	1,956,500
Unemployed.....	98,500
Unemployment Rate .....	4.8%

**Colleges/Universities (within one hour commute)**

- Delgado Community College
- Dillard University
- Louisiana State University Medical Center
- Loyola University
- New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
- Notre Dame Seminary School of Theology
- Our Lady of Holy Cross College
- Southern University and A&M College, New Orleans
- Tulane University
- University of New Orleans
- Xavier University
- Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond

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2. Louisiana Office of Tourism. 1998. keywords: regional information <<http://www.crt.state.la.us/crt/tourism/>>.
3. [Louisiana Almanac](#), 2002-2003 edition, Pelican Publishing Company, Gretna, LA. 2002.
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5. U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts <<http://www.census.gov>>.
6. Louisiana Department of Labor, Civilian Labor Force Summary <[http://www.ldol.state.la.us/forms/lmi/CLF\\_Parishes\\_2000-Present.xls](http://www.ldol.state.la.us/forms/lmi/CLF_Parishes_2000-Present.xls)>.